Government of Saint Lucia HURRICANE TOMAS EMERGENCY RECOVERY PROJECT

This invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project, which appeared in Development Business on June 29, 2011

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) IDA Credit 48710 -SLU

Date August 7, 2012 Contract Identification No: # SLU-HTERP-NCB- W-CBR 02 - 12 World Bank Loan/Credit No: IDA Credit 48710 - SLU World Bank Loan/Credit Name: Saint Lucia Hurricane Tomas Emergency Recovery Project

Saint Lucia has received a Credit from the World Bank towards the cost of Hurricane Tomas Emergency Recovery Project and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for Cresslands Bridge Rehabilitation at Cresslands, Soufriere. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*.

- 1. The Government of Saint Lucia herein represented by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and National Development invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the rehabilitation of the Cresslands Bridge. The time for completion is six (6) months from the date of possession of the site.
- 2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, dated May 2004, revised October 2006, and May 2010 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.
- 3. Bidders shall have the following experience and capabilities requirements:

Minimum average annual turnover of EC\$1.8 m calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last 3 (three) years. In case of JV, JV members should jointly meet the requirement, at least one partner must meet at least forty percent (40%) of the requirement, and all other partners must meet at least twenty five percent (25%) of the requirement;

Bidders must demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credits, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments to meet: (i) the following cash flow requirement: EC\$800,000 and (ii) the overall cash flow requirements for this contract and its concurrent commitments. In case of JV, JV members should jointly meet the requirement, at least one partner must meet at least forty percent (40%) of the requirement, and all other partners must meet at least twenty five percent (25%) of the requirement;

Experience under contracts in the role of contractor, subcontractor, or management contractor for at least three years prior to the applications submission deadline, and with activity in at least six months in each year. In case of JV, each partner must meet requirement;

Participation as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in one (1) contract within the last ten years, with a value of at least EC\$1.5m that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed works. The similarity shall be based on the physical size, value and complexity as described in Section VI, Employer's Requirements. In the case of JV, JV must meet all requirements and at least one partner should meet requirement for one characteristic;

For the above or other contracts executed during the past ten years a minimum experience in the following key activities: Construction of vented Twin Box Culvert with reinforced concrete Irish Culvert crossing, 8.5 meters long, 3.0 meter high and 6.5 m wide with walls, base and deck slabs 500mm thick; Realignment of approximately 150 meter of road including Placement of 200mm thick of sub-base layer, 175mm thick of crushed stone base layer, 50mm thick of Asphaltic Concrete surfacing, 280 meter of road side drains dredging of approximately 400 meter of the river bed both to the upstream and downstream area . In the case of JV, JV must meet all requirements and at least one partner must meet the requirements for one characteristic.

More details about all requirements related to the qualification, eligibility, litigation history, and technical capabilities are specified in the Section III Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of the Bidding Documents

- 4. A margin of preference for eligible national contractors/joint ventures shall not be applied.
- 5. Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be obtained at the Project Coordination Unit, Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and National Development, 5th floor Conway Business Centre, Waterfront, Castries, Saint Lucia.
- 6. Interested bidders may inspect the Bidding Documents and obtain further information at the address below (*) from August 8, 2012 from 0900 hours (9:00am) to 1500 hours (3:00 pm) daily from Monday to Friday.
- 7. Bids shall be delivered to the address below (**) on or before September 5, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. (1200 hours) and shall be valid for a period of 90 days after bid submission. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below (***) on September 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. 1400 hours.

- 8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration
- 9. The address(es) referred to above are:

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